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Washington, DC 20590

RE: 63 Fed. Reg. 46834 (Sept. 2, 1998)

In reference to the above mentioned Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Heli-Jet Corporation supports this long-awaited proposal. The outcome of this rule would be an increased level of safety and productivity in helicopter operations. Helicopter accidents would be reduced due to the additional margin of safety provided by IFR flights versus flight in borderline VFR conditions. Current regulations tend to encourage flight into marginal VFR as a means of mission accomplishment. Your regulation changes would provide relief for our "inadvertent flight into IMC" conundrum.

Heli-Jet Corporation thanks the FAA for its efforts in recognizing the unique characteristics of helicopter operations, as this would be just the beginning of changes in the way helicopters are allowed to operate within the air traffic system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne E. Hazard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Wayne E. Hazard  
Vice President

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